

# Licensure Renewal Beginning July 1, 2014

Will County Regional Office of Education

# A Disclaimer

- ▶ From the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) INFORMATION RELEASE:

*“While new legislation and administrative rules lay groundwork for the licensure system, many specifics still need to be determined, so not all questions can be answered at this time. It is better to delay a response to a question than to provide an incorrect answer. Therefore, the State Board of Education, the Regional Offices of Education, and professional associations and unions will provide information on an ongoing basis as additional legislation and administrative rules are promulgated.”*

# Recognition

This information has been edited from the original ISBE power point.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ Licensees could participate in PD activities from previously approved providers through December 31, 2014, if the PD aligned to the new requirements
- ▶ PD activities completed before December 31, 2014 must be entered into ELIS prior to the end of the renewal cycle if they are to count. CPDU credits should be converted to professional development clock hours.
  - 1 CPDU = 1 Clock Hour of PD
  - College Coursework: 1 Semester Hour = 15 Clock Hours, 1 Quarter Hour = 10 Clock Hours

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ The previous lists of PD activities for each type of credential are valid for PD completed until 12/31/14.
- ▶ Teachers and school service personnel no longer require a certain amount of their PD to be under that expired list of “Purposes”.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ Uniquely-qualifying activities will satisfy all renewal requirements if they were completed by August 31, 2014.
- ▶ Any degree earned must be conferred or any subsequent endorsement issued by December 31, 2014 to receive credit for the uniquely-qualifying activity.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ A licensee with a **School Support Personnel** endorsement who holds a current and valid license from one of the following has satisfied all PD renewal requirements(not applicable after 2018 renewals):
  - Nationally Certified School Psychologist
  - Nationally Certified School Nurse;
  - Nationally Certified Counselor; or
  - Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech–Language–Hearing Association.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ Provisional Vocational Certificates and Temporary Provisional Vocational Certificates were exchanged for Educator Licenses with Stipulations (ELS) endorsed for career and technical educator (CTE) and provisional career and technical educator (CTEP) on July 1, 2013.
- ▶ CTEPs are valid until June 30, 2018. ELIS should reflect this and individuals must pay the additional fees to be registered until the extended renewal date.
- ▶ CTEs maintained the same renewal date after the exchange.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ Educators whose renewal cycles end in 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018 and some NBPTS Master Teachers who renew after 2018 will have the same renewal requirements they did at the beginning of that cycle. PD that counts for the current cycle includes:
  - CPDU credit earned,
  - College coursework, or
  - Uniquely-qualifying activities.

# Certificate Renewal for Mid-Cycle

- ▶ The amount of PD for renewal remains the same for mid-cycle licensees as when the current cycle began, i.e. 40 CPDUs, 80 CPDUs, or 120 CPDUs which converted to PD Hours July 1, 2014.
- ▶ For example, a person who needed 80 CPDUs to renew in 2015 and who accrued 80 CPDUs by July 1, 2014 need not earn more. If the person only accrued 60 CPDUs, he/she needs 20 more PD Hours to renew in 2015.

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- ▶ Licensees working 50% or more full-time equivalency must complete requirements specific to endorsements held or positions assigned.
  - **Speech Language Pathologist (Teaching)** regardless of whether they hold an IDFPR license: 120 clock hours of PD.
  - **Teaching fields and School Support Personnel** who do not also hold an IDFPR license: 120 clock hours of PD.

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**Licensees holding administrative endorsements but NOT WORKING as administrators:** 120 clock hours of PD including one Administrators' Academy(AA) course during the first full 5-year renewal cycle in which the endorsement was held for at least one year.

- ▶ The AA will count toward the 120 hours of PD.
- ▶ Will not apply until 2019 renewals moving forward when all five years of the cycle are under new rules.
- ▶ Applies to individuals actively working as a teacher or school service personnel in an IL public school in all five years of the renewal cycle.

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- ▶ **Administrators (including Teacher Leaders):**  
100 Clock hours of PD plus one Administrators' Academy (AA) course each fiscal year in which the licensee is assigned to an administrative position for at least 50% of the school day.
- ▶ Those who do not complete the AA within each fiscal year must complete an additional AA for each year missed as a penalty.

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Illinois Administrators' Academy courses may be used for PD hours. When more than one course is completed in any fiscal year, the one with the least number of hours satisfies the annual requirement.

- ▶ To receive AA credit for Principal Evaluation, all 5 modules must be completed.
- ▶ To receive AA credit for Teacher Evaluation, 4 modules must be completed, but Module 5 "Student Growth" is optional.

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- ▶ **NBPTS Master Teachers:** 60 clock hours of PD if holding a current NBPTS Master Teacher Designation.
- ▶ **School Support Personnel:** Meets PD renewal requirements if holding a current and active IDFPR license. IDFPR license must be entered into ELIS as a PD activity.

# Licensure Renewal 7/1/14

## Career & Technical Educators (CTE):

- ▶ 120 clock hours of PD.
- ▶ Pass a test of basic skills IF issued 01/01/2015 or later (Test of Basic Skills Options):
  - Former IL Basic Skills test **OR**
  - TAP 400 **OR**
  - ACT with appropriate scores **OR**
  - SAT with appropriate scores **OR**
  - ACT WorkKeys (Information for ACT WorkKeys testing offered by Joliet Junior College)
    - Applied Mathematics — 4
    - Workplace Documents - 4 (Effective 4/1/2017)

# Licensure Renewal 7/1/14

**Provisional Career & Technical Educators (CTEP):** renewable one time for 5 years if:

- ▶ Complete **20 semester hours** of coursework related to CTE field.
- ▶ Pass a test of basic skills IF issued 01/01/2015 or later (Test of Basic Skills Options):
  - Former IL Basic Skills test **OR**
  - TAP 400 **OR**
  - ACT with appropriate scores **OR**
  - SAT with appropriate scores **OR**
  - ACT WorkKeys (Information for ACT WorkKeys testing offered by Joliet Junior College)
    - Applied Mathematics — 4
    - Workplace Documents - 4 (Effective 4/1/2017)

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- ▶ Licensees do not have to complete PD for the years in which the licenses are exempt.
- ▶ Working solely as a substitute teacher on a PEL does not require PD for renewal.

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- ▶ Licensees must renew licenses between April 1 and June 30 of the last year of the renewal cycle.
- ▶ Licenses will lapse on September 1st of the last year of the cycle if not renewed, but, they are valid for working in the public schools through August 31.

# Professional Development

The following are approved providers by statute:

- ▶ ISBE
- ▶ ROEs/ISCs
- ▶ Regionally–accredited Institutions of Higher Education that offer Illinois–approved preparation programs
- ▶ Illinois Public School Districts
- ▶ Charter Schools
- ▶ Joint Educational Programs providing career & technical education or special education services

# Professional Development

- ▶ Unlike the previous process which included dozens of activities with a set amount of credit, license renewal provides flexibility to educators to engage in activities that meet one or more of the criteria.
- ▶ Educators, working with approved providers, should determine the activities that will help them grow as professionals, as well as contribute to the quality of their knowledge and skills in a meaningful way, and connect to and improve the work in which they engage.

# Professional Development

- ▶ Both educators and approved providers are responsible for using the flexibility wisely and appropriately. PD hour credits must never be offered as a reward for doing work or as an incentive for attending an event.
- ▶ The sole purpose of professional development is to increase educators' knowledge and skills specifically to impact student growth, achievement, and well-being.

# Professional Development

- ▶ Effective July 1, 2015, PA 99–0058 removed the requirement of entering PD activities within 60 days.
- ▶ Administrators' Academy (AA) courses will continue to be entered by the ROEs/ISCs.

# Professional Development

- ▶ Graduate and undergraduate coursework completed 01/01/2015 and after may be counted if it is from an IL institution of higher education that has a preparation program ([Directory of IL Approved Programs](#)) OR an IL community college.
- ▶ Individuals wanting to complete coursework from any other institutions are advised to contact an approved provider ([IL PDP List](#)) who may approve that institution as a “subcontractor” under its authority.

# Professional Development

- ▶ Coursework from an institution on the Directory of IL approved programs OR an IL CC is verified by official transcripts during an audit.
- ▶ With the exception of approved coursework, the only verification now valid is the Evidence of Completion Form 77-21B from an IL approved provider.

# Professional Development

- ▶ Educators are responsible for procuring from the approved provider or its presenter an Evidence of Completion form 77-21B which verifies participation in that specific event, the date, and the number of hours earned.
- ▶ These should be kept for at least one year after the educators' current renewal cycle and must be submitted when requested to ISBE in the event of an audit.